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PROCESS FOR THE RECOVERY OF SULFURIC  
ACID USING POLYMERIC MEMBRANES

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**DECLARATION FOR PATENT APPLICATION**

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We/I believe we/I are the original, first and joint inventor(s) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled **PROCESS FOR THE RECOVERY OF SULFURIC ACID USING POLYMERIC MEMBRANES**, the specification of which(check one) ☐ is attached hereto.☒ was filed on February 6, 2004 as Application Serial No. 10/773,789  
and was amended on \_\_\_\_\_ (if applicable).

We/I hereby state that we/I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

We/I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to the examination of this application in accordance with Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, §1.56(a).

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